

CITY OF MEDINA
Park Board Meeting

April 18, 2005
7:00 p.m.

Medina City Hall
501 Evergreen Point Road

Call to Order

April 18, 2005, Park Board meeting called to order by Chair, Connie Gerlitz,
7:04 pm.

Roll Call

Present:

Chair Connie Gerlitz, Roger Ngouenet, Heija Nunn, Karen Sparks, and
Susannah Stuart

Absent:

Vice Chair Lisa Fleischman, Steve Brustkern

Staff Present:

Joe Willis, Director of Public Works; Rachel Baker, Administrative Assistant

Announcements (7:05 pm)

Stuart thanked city for staff support provided to assist with creation of flyers for
upcoming heron event at St. Thomas Church.

Board decided refreshments would not be provided, however, Gerlitz volunteered
to contact St. Thomas Church to determine if coffee would be provided to guests.

Gerlitz indicated she would arrive one half-hour prior to show to assist with chair
set up and requested other boardmembers assist, as well.

Minutes

BOARD UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO APPROVE MARCH 14, 2005 PARK BOARD MINUTES, 7:11 PM.
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Audience Participation

Mayor Mary Odermat was in attendance.

Park Reports (7:11 pm)

Sparks reported all seasonal off-leash area information signs have not yet been installed at Medina Park, however, the park appeared well-maintained. Sparks noted the foot bridge was out at Fairweather Nature Preserve, although it appeared some maintenance work had been performed there, and questioned the portable toilets placed at Fairweather.

Willis responded an Eagle Scout project has been scheduled to replace bridge in Fairweather and portable toilets were placed for their use. Willis stated the work began last Saturday and will resume again next weekend.

Ngouenet reported a dead tree was dangerously hanging over walking path at Fairweather during a recent visit.

Willis indicated Public Works would respond and remedy situation.

Gerlitz inquired about Indian Trail completion. Willis stated crew would finish trail after summer season when mowing duties have decreased and the trail is dry.

Nunn reported a tree rope was hanging from a tree at Fairweather and inquired if playground fill maintenance would be performed at Medina Park. Nunn also asked if east ramp, closest to the parking lot in Medina Park, could have the entry graduated.

Gerlitz requested Willis remove rope at Fairweather to prevent children from swinging from rope.

Willis indicated the crew could fluff up current fill at Medina Park until closure of Medina School, when the city will recycle the school's playground fill by placing it in Medina Park. Willis stated he and crew are looking into maintenance alternatives for ramp in Medina Park.

Nunn asked if costs could be investigated for installation of sanitation stations (i.e. Purell) in Medina Park. Willis reported warning signs received from King County regarding poisonous fish were posted at the public docks.

Park Updates

Beaver Update in Medina Park (7:18 pm)

Willis noted no additional beaver activity or damage has occurred in Medina Park. Willis suspected the beaver may have come from the golf course, as the superintendent from the golf course indicated beavers have been trapped and relocated from the golf course.

Medina Beach Outlook Area Bench Update (7:24 pm)

Willis distributed handout of bench designs and board discussed alternatives.

MOTION SPARKS, SECOND NUNN, TO ACCEPT SECTIONED BENCH IN TEAK, IRONWOOD OR REDWOOD PER WILLIS' PREFERENCE AND DISCRETION FOLLOWING HIS DETERMINATION OF FINAL COSTS, MAINTENANCE AND DURABILITY REQUIREMENTS, AND INTENT FOR INSTALLATION TO BE COMPLETE BY MEDINA DAYS 2005, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, 7:38 PM.

Practice Pad Placement in Fairweather Nature Preserve (7:39 pm)

Boardmembers decided pad should remain in current location; however, issue could be revisited in future when maintenance would be required.

Noxious Weeds Update (7:40 pm)

Willis said the crew has been pulling weeds but has avoided chemical applications due to the proximity of water. Willis added the noxious weed sites identified in Mr. Bacher's letter have been attended to and the city manager has responded to resident.

Nunn inquired about horsetail growth in five-corners area. Willis responded the area would be relandscaped and horsetail will be addressed at that time.

Lace Bugs (7:44 pm)

Willis noted crew has sprayed for lace bugs on azaleas and are watching rhododendrons to ensure lace bugs don't begin to infest plants.

Old Business

Sign Updates (7:45 pm)

Ngouenet indicated he browsed internet for sign ideas, but was unable to locate significant examples. Gerlitz suggested, and Ngouenet agreed, to manage sign research project. Nunn volunteered to work with Ngouenet.

Gerlitz asked Nunn and Ngouenet to return with a recommendation and suggested remaining members focus on signs for primary assigned parks and return with recommendations for next meeting.

Citizen Committee for Medina Park Ordinance Enforcement (7:55 pm)

Gerlitz indicated she would reply to Allyson Jackson regarding comments addressed during March meeting requesting a park docent program. Gerlitz stated she responded already to other concern raised regarding re-review of Ordinance 774.

MOTION STUART, SECOND SPARKS TO INCLUDE ARTICLE IN NEXT NEWSLETTER INVITING PUBLIC TO ATTEND MAY PARK BOARD MEETING TO PARTICIPATE AND SHARE IDEAS IN A DISCUSSION OF FRIENDS OF THE PARK, MOTION PASSED 8:25 PM.

Nunn volunteered to submit Friends of the Park verbiage to city staff for inclusion in May newsletter.

Arbor Day Celebration (8:28 pm)

Gerlitz announced the mayor would plant a tree in Medina Park, Friday April 29th.

Geese Enforcement at Medina Beach Park (8:29 pm)

Willis described Hunts Point's dog use for geese enforcement and, per Gerlitz request, will continue to research internet for additional information. Sparks suggested Willis contact City of Kirkland.

New Business

Fairweather Parking Lot (8:33 pm)

Ngouenet inquired about current parking lot design at Fairweather. Discussion followed.

Off-Leash Advocate/Expert Presentation (8:36 pm)

Nunn suggested inviting an off-leash group advocate to a future Park Board meeting to facilitate a discussion of off-leash area recommendations and requirements. Nunn also suggested the City of Kirkland be contacted to gather information as to how and why the city's new off-leash park was designed and developed.

Mayor Odermat indicated she could poll council to determine where such presentation could be made and would ask city manager if item could be placed as new business item on next study session agenda.

Nunn volunteered to contact an off-leash group advocate representative to determine scheduling options for presentation. Board preferred to schedule presentation at a meeting separate from Friends of the Park discussion.

Gerlitz requested Nunn and Sparks coordinate effort together.

MOTION NUNN, SECOND SPARKS TO INVITE OFF-LEASH AREA ADVOCATE REPRESENTATIVE TO PROVIDE OFF-LEASH AREA EDUCATION PRIOR TO REVISITING ORDINANCE 774 IN JULY 2005, MOTION PASSED 8:51 PM.

Park Board Participation During Medina Days (8:54 pm)

Nunn inquired if Park Board planned to offer an educational element during Medina Days and suggested a pet parade and/or pet photographer would promote fun and good will.

Gerlitz suggested boardmembers think about idea and be prepared to discuss during the next meeting.

Adjournment

MOTION SPARKS, SECOND STUART TO ADJOURN APRIL 18, 2005 PARK BOARD MEETING, UNANIMOUSLY PASSED, 8:56 PM.
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April 18, 2005 Park Board meeting adjourned, 8:56 pm.

Next Park Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 16, 2005; 7:00 pm.

Minutes taken by:

Rachel Baker
Administrative Assistant